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Update to 2009 strategy looks at reducing climate risks in California

The latest report on dealing with the impacts of climate change comes from the Natural Resources Agency. [Safeguarding California: Reducing Climate Risk](#)



is an update to the [2009 California Climate Adaptation Strategy](#). It also provides policy guidance for state decision makers. It is one of nearly 40 state plans used in the development of [California Water Plan Update 2013](#).

Stanford site provides Californians with lessons on the importance of groundwater

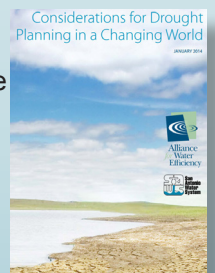
Stanford University's Water in the West program has launched an online project to help Californians [understand the importance of groundwater](#). Using new research findings and interactive graphics, the site looks at the problems caused by groundwater overdraft. It also outlines some of the potential solutions.

Advancing the idea of setting sustainable water management standards

The idea of setting standards for sustainable water management is examined in a report from the Innovation Network for Communities. [Emerging Standards for Sustainable Water Management in North America](#) evaluates eight sustainable water management certification efforts, including one from the California Water Foundation. The development of standards is in the early stages. The report offers suggestions for advancing the process.

Drought planning report examines strategies in the U.S., Australia

The Alliance for Water Efficiency has posted a report, *Considerations for Drought Planning in a Changing World*. The link to download it is available [here](#). The report covers short-term and long-term drought strategies. One section details the way Australia dealt with its Millennium Drought. There are also examples of previous responses in the United States, as well as descriptions of emerging ideas for dealing with drought conditions.



PEST technical training workshop to be held in Davis next month

A [technical training workshop](#) on Model-Independent Parameter Estimation and Uncertainty Analysis (PEST) will be held next month in Davis. PEST can be used to estimate parameters for just about any existing computer model. The workshop will be Sept. 16-18 and will include both an introduction and advanced analysis using PEST.

DWR's tribal policy advisor takes the wraps off a new Web site

The [tribal policy advisor](#) for DWR has launched a new Web site. The advisor is the central point of contact to ensure effective communication between DWR and California's Native American tribes. The current advisor, [Anecita Agustinez](#), was appointed to the position in August 2013.